

REMARKS

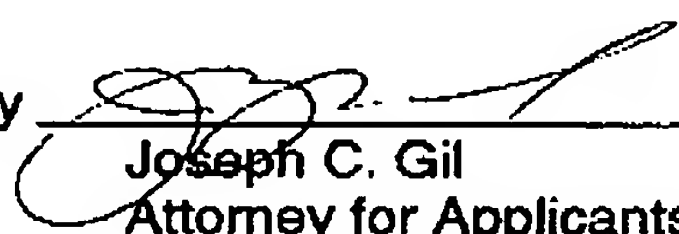
Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 4-9. Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the dimerization is carried out in the presence of a catalyst having triazolate structures. Claim 2 has been cancelled as drawn to redundant subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102/§103

Claim 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Goldstein, US Patent 5,315,004, and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldstein in view of Laas, US Patent 5,621,064. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the cited references in view of the current amendment to Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding issues have been addressed and Claims 1, 3 and 10-13 are now in condition for allowance, in addition to Claims 4-9. A notice of allowance is requested at an early date.

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